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## FREE TOUR OF ARTISTS' STUDIOS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Washington County, Oregon-(October 17-18, 2015) – The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Washington County Open Studios tour is a free event open to the public October 17-18 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

42 artists on the 2015 tour are opening their studios giving the community a chance to see art in the making. This year tour visitors can see artists weld, quilt, throw, draw, weave, sculpt, paint, and more. For more stories about our artists, visit our blog at <a href="http://artiststudiotoursofwashingtoncounty.blogspot.com">http://artiststudiotoursofwashingtoncounty.blogspot.com</a>

"I started this tour six years ago with 17 artists and we've had as many as 50 talented artists opening their studio doors to let the public see art in the making," says Peg Falconer, founder and book artist. "And it's all free to everyone in the Portland area. Several locations are wheelchair accessible."

In addition to artist studios, 2 local galleries will open their doors, Art On Broadway and Village Gallery of Arts. The tour includes the suburbs of Washington County: Aloha, Beaverton, Tigard, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Sherwood and beautiful rural areas of Banks, Cornelius, Gaston and North Plains. Free catalogs available at sponsor locations in September. For sponsor locations, free tour map and guide to the art studios visit <a href="https://www.washcoart.org">www.washcoart.org</a>

Washington County Open Studios is a project of the Washington County Art Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing community vitality through art. The free tour is made possible through grants from The Regional Arts & Culture Council, Hillsboro Arts & Culture Council and generous donations from friends and local business sponsors.

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